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Leadership Changes on the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District, Klamath National Forest

Please join the Klamath National Forest as we say farewell to two leaders at the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District. District Ranger Ken Harris has moved on to a new job in Montana and Deputy District Ranger Erik Taylor will be leaving for a new job in Texas. The Klamath National Forest will welcome Tom Mutz of Arizona as the new, permanent District Ranger on July 16. Deputy District Ranger Erik Taylor is serving as Acting District Ranger until he leaves for his new position. Jane Beaulieu has arrived from the Plumas National Forest to assist the District during the leadership transition.

The new Happy Camp/Oak Knoll District Ranger, Tom Mutz is currently Lands and Minerals Specialist on the Williams Ranger District on the Kaibab National Forest in Williams, AZ.

Tom was born in a small town in Northwest Missouri where he attended a military high-school. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Tom earned another Bachelor of Science degree in 1983 in Forest Watershed Management from the University of Arizona. He began his Forest Service career on the Coronado National Forest in Tucson, AZ.

His career on the Kaibab National Forest has included timber marking, scaling, and timber sale layout. Tom worked as a timber marking foreman and in Recreation, Lands and Minerals. He became a Lands and Minerals Assistant and was the minerals administrator for several years before he became the Lands and Minerals Specialist in 2003. Tom has been an Acting District Ranger on the Kaibab's Tusayan District and the Tonto National Forest's Pleasant Valley District.

Tom and his wife Linda enjoy being involved in their community and church, hiking, biking, hunting and fishing. They have four children. Three are married and the youngest just completed her freshman year at the University of Arizona. Tom and Linda plan to be active members of the Happy Camp community and are looking forward to working with local partners to manage the forest.

Tom is interested in bluegrass music, drag racing, and restoring and modifying cars and trucks.



Jane Beaulieu is from the Plumas National Forest where she is the Forest Environmental Coordinator. Before the Plumas NF, Jane worked on the Boise National Forest for 13 years. Ten of those years, she was on the Mountain Home Ranger District as a NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) Specialist and for 3 years was a Small Sales Forester on the Idaho City Ranger District of the Boise NF. Early in her career, Jane worked on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest as a computer clerk, receptionist, and on the timber pre-sale crew.

Jane has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oregon State University in Technical Journalism and a minor in Forestry. Her husband, Mark, is the Forest Engineer on the Plumas National Forest. They have been married for 31-years and have two wonderful children, Jake (19) and Sara (16). They live in Quincy, CA.

She is excited to return to work on a ranger district and help manage a very complex area. “The Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District is an incredibly beautiful forest and community. I am awestruck every time I go out in the woods or talk with the people,” says Jane.

